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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONNEL ATTENDING THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE CLEARANCE AGENT (EOCA) COURSE AT OMEMS

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CHAPTER 1- INTRODUCTION

1-1. GENERAL.

This EOCA course is 6 weeks in length, 3 weeks in a classroom environment and 3 weeks on the range conducting live demolition operations. This course is designed to train students in the following areas: React to the UXO Hazard, EOCA Roles and Responsibilities, Ordnance Terminology, Safety, Color Codes and Markings, Explosives and Explosive Effects, Demolition Operations Refresher, EOCA Manual overview and Application, Ordnance Identification, Protective Measures, EOC Reconnaissance, Marking, Disposal of select UXO (in place only), as identified in the Explosive Ordnance Clearance Agent ID Guide in the conduct of Engineer specific area and route clearance operations, and Reporting. This course will also encompass an intensive CPX / PE to hone Engineer newly acquired skills.

1-2. SCOPE.

This pamphlet is intended as a source of administration and information for the EOCA course at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

1-3. CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

a. During duty hours:

EOCA Office: DSN 897-1778 and commercial (256) 313-1778.

b. After duty hours:

EOCA Office Answering Machine: DSN 897-1778 and commercial (256) 313-1778.

c. EOCA fax number:

DSN 897-3666 commercial (256) 313-3666

d. E-mail addresses change as personnel rotate through the section. Current E-mail addresses can be obtained by calling the EOCA office.

CHAPTER 2- ACTIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTING HOME STATION

2-1 TRAINING REQUEST.

For ATRRS reservations, our school code is 093 and the course number is 2E-F231/030-F14. For priority reservations, please contact SGM Harris at joseph.harris8@us.army.mil

2-2 PERSONNEL.

Skill level 10 and 20 (E-4 (P) to E-5) Combat Engineers (21B) and select Engineer Officers (0-1 to 0-3). Senior NCO's and officers may attend please contact the EOCA office for further information.

2-3. SECURITY CLEARANCE.

All personnel attending the EOCA course must have an interim SECRET clearance or ENTAC prior to beginning the course. Verification of this must be brought with the personnel upon arrival from their respective S-2 or security office.

2-4. ORDERS

Ensure that orders state that government lodging (i.e. barracks) will be used, government mess is available and will be used (please ensure that this states that students are on MTSS). Full per diem is not authorized for this course, only incidentals. Although rental vehicles are not mandatory, if multiple soldiers from the same area are attending, it would be advised to have a rental vehicle for that group if at all possible.

2-5 ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION.

Personnel should arrive the day prior to class start date. First day of class will start at 0800, students should arrive 10-15 minutes prior and should be prepared to depart the day after the last day of class.

2-6 BILLETING.

Billets (barracks rooms) are available on Redstone Arsenal and is mandatory for all ranks IAW Army policy and will be coordinated through HQ&A Company, 832D OD BN. Government mess is also available for all students.

2-7 VEHICLES.

Individuals attending training will be required to operate military equipment and military vehicles. A current state and military vehicle operator's license issued at the personnel's home station will be honored at Redstone Arsenal.

2-8. DEPENDANTS.

Dependants are not authorized.

2-9 MAIL.

Mail services are not provided due to the short time the personnel are attending training at Redstone Arsenal. Faxes, E-mail, and expedited mail (UPS, FEX-EX, etc) may be received at the EOD Training Department, U.S. Postal Overnight Express should not be used as it is delayed by the post mailroom.

2-10. EQUIPMENT.

- a. The EOCA maintains tools, equipment, and publications for use during training at Redstone Arsenal.
 - b. Items of equipment individual soldiers are required to bring are listed below.
 - (1) Kevlar Helmet
 - (2) Hearing Protection
 - (3) Protective Eyewear (only ANSI rated and approved eye protection will be used during demo operations)
 - (4) Leather Work Gloves (optional)
 - (5) Flak Vest (i.e. Interceptor without ballistic plates)
 - (6) NBC Gear: none required
 - (7) Cold/wet weather gear (be prepared for any type of weather)
 - (8) OCIE issue clothing bag items (dress uniform not required)
 - (9) Physical Fitness Uniform (to include winter and summer versions and reflective belts)
 - (10) Water hydration systems are highly encouraged due to high humidity and temperatures during summer months.

2-11.UNIFORM.

a. Serviceable battle dress uniform (BDU) or ACU's is the duty uniform and will be worn IAW AR 670-1. Berets will be worn during classroom portion of course, BDU Patrol cap will be worn on McKinley range while doing operations other than demolitions.

- b. Downrange uniforms and boots, which may get extremely soiled, may only be worn directly back to billeting for redress.
- c. When in uniform, personal items needed to accomplish the mission (Camelback water bags etc.) will only be worn on McKinley Range.
- d. Physical Fitness Training will be conducted before the academic day on Mondays, Wednesday, and Friday. The schedule will be done up by the Class Leader and the EOCA NCOIC with input from the class. Students are Officers and Enlisted Soldiers. Administrative support while attending this course will be accomplished through the Engineer liaison cell. Warrior Ethos training is emphasized and implemented throughout the course of instruction.

2-12 RENTAL VEHICLES.

If rental vehicles are authorized, temporary post passes should be attained the day prior to Class if at all possible. Temporary passes can be obtained at the gate.

2-13 PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES (POV).

Personnel traveling by POV will not be required to obtain temporary on-post registration if the vehicle has a decal from their home station.

CHAPTER 3- ACTIONS UPON ARRIVAL TO REDSTONE ARSENAL

3-1. IN-PROCESSING.

- a. During duty hours personnel will report to the EOCA, Bldg. 3450.
- b. After duty hours, personnel will report the next work day to bldg 3450 prior to 0820. Personnel will report to the BNSDO at Bldg 3413, 1st floor for billeting. If transportation is required from the Hunstville airport, the 59th OD BDE SDO will be contacted to arrange for transportation at Comm (256) 876-7381 (note: while on TDY status, taxi's should be authorized).

3-2. BILLETING.

See 2-6 & 3-1

3-3 MESSING.

Mess facilities are available and must be utilized by all students IAW the MTSS system a one-hour lunch period is scheduled into the EOCA course. During training on McKinley range, personnel will be supplied with MRE's.

3-4. SICK CALL – EMERGENCY CARE.

The Troop Medical and Dental Facilities are located at Fox Army Medical Clinic. The TMC hours are 0630-1500 Monday through Friday. After duty hours, soldiers must call the Triage Nurse at 955-8888. The nurse can do a simple evaluation and recommend a next day appointment or that you proceed immediately to the local hospital. The EOCA NCOIC should be notified immediately of all sick calls or emergencies regardless of severity. FOR LIFE THREATENING INJURIES OR ILLNESS 911 MAY BE CALLED. It is currently not a requirement to bring medical records.

3-5 ON-POST TRANSPORTATION.

There is a post taxi for official transportation and a shuttle bus that runs round trip from the barracks to the PX, shoppette, local shopping mall and returns during duty hours and during the daytime on weekends.

3-6. DEPARTURE.

Personnel should base their travel plans on leaving the day following the last day of class. An automated End Of Course Critique will be filled out by all students prior to release.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Department. Users are invited to submit comments to Commandant, USAOMMCS, ATSK-TE (EOCA), Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35897-6801.